Road under PMGSY in Chirgaon tehsil in Shimla district

3779. SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Himachal Pradesh is lagging behind in construction of roads under PMGSY, as compared to other States;

(b) if yes, the details thereof;

(c) the proposals for construction of roads under PMGSY in Chirgaon tehsil in Shimla District for the year 2007-08, alongwith the names of roads and the amount sanctioned for each road;

(d) whether Government propose to metal Simoli-Batwari road in Shimla District, which was constructed 20 years ago, but has not been metalled under this scheme; and

(e) whether Government would accord due piority for metalling of the Simoli-Batwari road, in view of its importance and long-standing requirement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) Upto March 2007,1764 roadworks measuring 10159 kms. have been sanctioned under various phases of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) for the State of Himachal Pradesh, out of which 640 road works measuring 4182 kms. have been completed.

(c) As per the information furnished by the State Government, no proposal has been sent by the State Government dur md;2007-08 for works under PMGSY in Chirgaon Tehsil of Shimla District However, in Chirgaon Tehsil the following road works were approved under Phase VI of PMGSY during 2006-07:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of work	Sanctioned amount
New Connectivity Gadsari to Kharshali road	142.88
Jitata to Dalli road	98.00
Link road to village Kulgaon Sharoii	172.00
Chirgaon to Chilala road	91.72
Nandla to Jhalwari road	154.40
Dhagoli to Gaonsari road	146.36
Link road to village Telga	135.35
Upgradation	
Samoli to Gwas road	338.58

(d) and (e) The State Government has informed that the work for metalling and tarring of initial reaches of Simoli-Batwari road has been taken up under National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) assistance and is in progress. The State Government has further intimated that the balance reaches of this road would be taken up under PMGSY.

Developing Rural Information System in the country

3780. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to develop Rural Information System in the country, to facilitate rural people to access information they need for development in various spheres of life; and

(b) if so, the details of the steps proposed to be taken in this regard, and if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) The Government has recently approved a Scheme for providing support for establishing 100,000 broadband, internet enabled, Common Service Centers (CSCs) in rural areas of the country. These Centers would be